

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An albumin preparation containing amino acids and comprising human serum albumin, a plurality of amino acids containing branched amino acids and water, said preparation being in a form suitable for administration to a patient for treatment of liver diseases.

2. (currently amended) An albumin preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein a content of the human serum albumin is 0.01 to 1.0 w/v %.

3. (original) An albumin preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein a content of said plurality of amino acids containing branched amino acids is 5 to 10 w/v %.

4. (original) An albumin preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein a content of the branched amino acids is equal to or more than 30 w/w % on the basis of a content of total amino acids, and a Fischer ratio (branched amino acid/[phenylalanine + tyrosine] (molar ratio)) is equal to or more than 20.

5. (currently amended) An albumin preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein a content of the human serum albumin is 0.01 to 1.0 w/v %, a content of said plurality of amino acids containing branched amino acids is 5 to 10 w/v %, a content of the branched amino acids is equal to or more than 30 w/w % on the basis of a content of total amino acids, and a Fischer ratio (branched amino acid/[phenylalanine + tyrosine] (molar ratio)) is equal to or more than 20.

6. (currently amended) An albumin preparation comprising 0.01 to 1.0 w/v % of human serum albumin, 5 to 10 w/v % of a plurality of amino acids containing branched amino acids, a content of branched amino acids of 30 w/w % or more on the basis of a content of total amino acids, and a Fischer ratio (branched amino acid/[phenylalanine + tyrosine] (molar ratio)) of 20 or more, the plurality of amino acids having the following composition:

| amino acid | content ratio (w/w %) |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| L-threonine | 2.0 to 6.0 |
| L-serine | 2.0 to 8.0 |
| L-proline | 2.0 to 11.0 |
| L-cystein | 0 to 2.0 |
| glycine | 1.0 to 12.0 |
| L-alanine | 4.0 to 12.0 |
| L-valine | 10.0 to 14.0 |
| L-methione | 0 to 2.0 |
| L-isoleucine | 8.0 to 16.0 |

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| L-leucine | 10.0 to 17.0 |
| L-phenylalanin | 0 to 2.0 |
| L-tryptophan | 0 to 2.0 |
| L-lysine | 3.0 to 10.0 |
| L-histidine | 1.0 to 5.0 |
| L-arginine | 7.0 to 21.0 |
| L-aspartic acid | 0 to 3.0 |
| L-glutamic acid | 0 to 6.0 |
| L-tyrosine | 0 to 1.0 |

the content ratio being a ratio by weight to total amino ~~acids~~
acids, said preparation being in a form suitable for administration
to a patient for treatment of liver diseases.

7. (previously presented) A method of treating liver
diseases comprising administering an albumin preparation as claimed
in claim 1 to a patient in need of such treatment.

8. (previously presented) The albumin preparation as
claimed in claim 1, wherein said preparation is in the form of a
sterilized aqueous solution.

9. (previously presented) The albumin preparation as
claimed in claim 6, wherein said preparation is in the form of a
sterilized aqueous solution.